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Domestic Violence Survivors Need Your Donations *Annual CalVCP Campaign to Focus on Children of Domestic Violence*



SACRAMENTO (September 30, 2013) – In recognition of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the California Victim Compensation Program (CalVCP) will once again sponsor its third annual “Suited For Success” clothing drive to benefit victims and survivors of domestic violence.

This year, CalVCP expands its collection effort to include children of domestic violence, supported by the theme of “Suited for Successful Families.” Therefore, not only will CalVCP collect new and gently-used professional attire for men and women, it will also be collecting children’s clothing, diapers, and new toys.

“Over a quarter of those applying for CalVCP assistance each year are victims of domestic violence, and many of those victims are children who are witness to or subject to the violence that occurs in these homes,” said Executive Officer Julie Nauman. “It is important that we not only assist adult victims with reentry into the workforce, but that we recognize the needs of the children as well. This year’s drive will benefit adult survivors while also providing for kids’ basic needs as their parents transition through a trying time.”

In 2012, hundreds of state employees, businesses, legislative offices, and Sacramento residents donated nearly 2,000 suits, slacks, dresses, shoes, and belts to benefit victims of domestic violence during CalVCP’s “Suited for Success” drive.

Donations collected throughout the month will be dispersed to local nonprofit organizations that serve domestic violence and sexual assault victims: WEAVE, My Sister's House, Plumas Rural Services, A Community For Peace, and the Sacramento Children’s Home.

Participating agencies include the Department of General Services (DGS), the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, State Treasurer Bill Lockyer's Office, the Commission on Teaching Credentials, the Folsom Police Department, the City of Folsom, First 5 California, and the Office of Emergency Services.

The following businesses will host collection bins beginning October 1st:

- CalVCP Headquarters – 400 R St, Sacramento, CA 95811
- Chicory Coffee - 1131 11th St, Sacramento, CA 95814
- Vallejo's Restaurant – 1100 O St # 8 Sacramento, CA 95814

Over 25 percent of the applications that come to CalVCP for assistance each year are victims of domestic violence (DV). DV isn't strictly a personal matter or home issue, but an alarming and pervasive problem that impacts victims, abusers, family members, friends and communities. Moreover, DV can happen to anyone in any community regardless of age, economic status, race, religion, nationality or educational background.

For more information about CalVCP and "Suited for Successful Families," visit: www.calvcp.ca.gov

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CalVCP is the state's leading advocate for victims' rights and a national leader in providing compensation and services for victims of violent crime. Since 1965, CalVCP has provided nearly \$2.2 billion in assistance for services such as mental health treatment, medical payments, relocations costs, and funeral/burial expenses. Among the crimes covered are domestic violence, child abuse, sexual and physical assault, homicide, robbery, and vehicular manslaughter. Funding for CalVCP comes from federal grants and criminal restitution fines and not taxpayer dollars.